Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) Traction element (38) according to claim ~~1 or 2, characterised in that it consists of~~ 22, further comprising a plurality of stranded cables (16) extending in parallel~~, which~~ and are embedded at a spacing (a) in a flexible thermoplastic plastics material jacket (39)~~, preferably in a band or round form~~.

4. (currently amended) Traction element (38) according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein a free surface of the stranded cables (16) is degreased or pretreated.

5. (currently amended) Traction element (38) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the stranded cables (16) consist of~~ claim 22, wherein the strand cables are made of threads selected from the group consisting of steel, aramid, glass, ceramic ~~or~~ , carbon ~~threads (130)~~ and mixtures thereof.

6. (currently amended) Production line (10) for embedding a plurality of stranded cables (16) in a flexible thermoplastic plastics material (39), which production line (10) comprises, in each case, a reel (14) for unwinding the stranded cables (16), a device (24) for the precise orientation of the stranded cables (16), a heater (26, 28,

30) for preheating the stranded cables (16), at least one extruder (32) for co-extrusion of the stranded cables (16) in a flexible plastics material jacket, a cooling trough (42), a roller store (52), a cutting device (66) and a storage roller (18), ~~characterised in that~~ the extruder (32) has a thread guide (74) for the stranded cables and at least one matrix (76) which can be adjusted with and in relation to one another, individually, in a plane (P) angled with respect to the cable plane (E).

7. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to claim 6, characterised in that the stranded cables (16) are guided through a thread guide (74) and at least one matrix (75, 76), which can be adjusted in a range of (Δt) from ± 0.5 to 2 mm at a precision of ~~preferably~~ ± at least 0.1 mm relative to one another, the planes (E, P) extending at an angle of 45 to 135°~~, preferably about 90°~~.

8. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to claim 6 ~~or 7, characterised in that~~ , wherein the stranded cables (16) run through a thread guide (74) and at least one matrix (75, 76), which can be positioned with adjusting screws (98, 100, 108).

9. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 8, characterised in that~~ claim 6, wherein the stranded cables (16) pass through a thread guide (74) and at least one matrix (75, 76), which can be exchanged individually.

10. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 9, characterised in that~~ claim 6, wherein the cable guide (74) and a matrix (75, 76), formed

in two or more parts, of the extruder (32) have two or more separate feed systems (96, 120 and 120, 88)~~, in particular~~ for the liquefied plastics material (86).

11. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 10, characterised in that~~ claim 6, wherein at least two removable parallel pressure rollers (40) for stranded cables (16) passing through in ~~a~~ the plane (E) are arranged directly downstream from the extruder (32) and can be adjusted at right angles to the stranded cables (16), individually with respect to the spacing.

12. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein two or four pressure rollers (40) are configured, which form a gap which is adjustable with respect to the position and the spacing or which are arranged offset with respect to one another in the running direction (80) of the traction element (38).

13. (currently amended) Production line (10) according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 12, characterised in that~~ claim 6, wherein the matrix (76) of the extruder (32) has a cooling system.

14. (currently amended) Method for embedding at least one stranded cable (16) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5, made of a material guaranteeing tensile strength,~~ claim 22, wherein the stranded ~~cable(s)~~ cable (16) ~~are~~ is unwound~~, in each case,~~ from a reel, oriented ~~in the case of a plurality of stranded cables (16)~~, sheathed with liquefied plastics material (86), guided through at least two pressure rollers (40), cooled, and after passing through a roller store (52)

and a cutting unit (66) for cutting to length, wound onto a storage roller (18), ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the unwound stranded ~~cables~~ cable (16) ~~are~~ is degreased and/or pretreated to improve the adhesion of the plastics material jacket (39), preheated to a temperature of about ± 20°C of the melting temperature of the flexible thermoplastic plastics material jacket sheathing the core strands (124) and sheathed in ~~the~~ an extruder (32) with the liquefied plastics material (86).

15. (currently amended) Method according to claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the matrix (76) is heated ~~or cooled~~ by less~~, preferably by~~ than 40 to 100°C compared to the thread guide (74).

16. (currently amended) Method according to claim 14 ~~or 15, characterised in that~~ , wherein the stranded ~~cables~~ cable (16) ~~are~~ is guided at a running speed of 10 to 60 m/min through the extruder (32).

17. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 16, characterised in that~~ claim 14, wherein an ~~individually~~ adjustable tensile force of 5 to 100 N~~, preferably 35 to 45 N,~~ is maintained on ~~each~~ the stranded cable (16).

18. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 17, characterised in that~~ claim 14, wherein the position a plurality of stranded cables (16) running in parallel on a plane (E) in ~~the~~ an extruded traction element (38) is adjusted~~, preferably automatically,~~ with respect to ~~the~~ a plane (E) by individually height-adjustable pressure rollers (40), directly adjoining the extruder (32).

19. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 18, characterised in that~~ claim 18, wherein the extruded traction element (38) is guided through a cooling trough (42), ~~also with~~ having a temperature gradient in the running direction (80).

20. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 19, characterised in that the~~ claim 14, wherein a pretreatment preceding the preheating takes place by means of a plasma treatment or application of an adhesive agent.

21. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 20, characterised in that~~ claim 14, wherein the stranded ~~cables~~ cable (16) ~~are~~ is preheated with one of an induction heater (26), a flame burner (28) ~~and/or~~ , a warm air heater (30), ~~to remove residual gases, or~~ an infrared heater ~~instead of the induction heater (26)~~ to remove residual gases.

22. (new) A flexible traction element capable of being wound and unwound, comprising at least one stranded cable comprising a core strand, a plurality of peripheral strand cords arranged around the core strand and a flexible thermoplastic material surrounding the core strand and extending at least partially into grooves formed by adjacent peripheral cords.